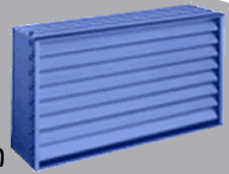


FLOOD VENTS

The Official Update of the Rhode Island Floodplain Management Program



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Welcome to the first issue of **Flood Vents**, the new quarterly issued floodplain newsletter from the Rhode Island Floodplain Management Program. With the recent historical flooding and ongoing flood issues across the state, what better a time to start this newsletter on floodplain related issues? The intent of this newsletter is to provide floodplain management professionals with relative, up to date information on a variety of floodplain related issues. We hope you will find the information interesting and valuable. Please feel free to contact us with any questions or comments. Enjoy and make sure to open your **Flood Vents**!



NFIP Reauthorization

On July 2, the President signed the National Flood Insurance Program Extension Act of 2010, H.R. 5569. This extends the NFIP through September 30, 2010, and is retroactive to cover the lapse period from June 1, 2010, to the date of enactment of the extension.



Roll-Out of FEMA's FY 2011 Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) Grants

FEMA's HMA grant programs provide funding for eligible mitigation activities that reduce disaster losses and protect life and property from future disaster damages. See FEMA's website for more information on HMA Grants:
<http://www.fema.gov/government/grant/hma/index.shtm>

****All applications are due to RIEMA by 4:30pm November 12, 2010****



Substantial Damage Estimator (SDE)

FEMA's new Substantial Damage Estimator now computes Substantial Damages for both Residential and Commercial structures.

Download the Software and User's Manual [HERE](#).

Rhode Island NFIP Factoids (as of August 2010)

RI flood policies in-force: 15,260

Average policy: \$1,137

Insurance in-force: \$ 3,626,712,400



Extension of Preferred Risk Policy Eligibility

FEMA is revising its Preferred Risk Policy (PRP) Eligibility. Effective January 1, 2011, owners of buildings newly designated in a Special Flood Hazard Area following a flood map revision on or after October 1, 2008, may be able to maintain the lower cost PRP for years following the effective date of the map change.

The following conditions apply for the extended eligibility:

- Buildings that were newly designated within an SFHA due to a map revision on or after October 1, 2008, and before January 1, 2011, are eligible for a PRP for 2 policy years. Property owners affected by these previous map revisions will be eligible for the PRP for the 2 policy years effective between January 1, 2011, and December 31, 2012.
- Buildings that are newly designated within an SFHA due to a map revision on or after January 1, 2011, will be eligible for a PRP for 2 policy years from the effective date of the map revision.

Buildings meeting the above requirements must also meet the PRP loss history requirements. If there are two claims or disaster relief payments for flood loss of \$1,000 or more, or three loss payments of any amount, the structure is ineligible for the PRP.

For more information and commonly asked questions regarding the PRP extension, click [here](#).



House Pulls Multiple Peril Insurance Bill

Leadership in the House pulled the Multiple Peril Insurance Bill H.R. 1264 from the floor before a vote could be taken.

The Act would have added windstorm coverage to the National Flood Insurance Program. Read the full text of the bill [here](#).

The White House had issued a statement opposing the bill only one day before it was pulled from the House floor.

Read the full story [here](#).



NOAA's Updated Hurricane Outlook

Across the entire Atlantic Basin for the hurricane season (June 1 to November 30), NOAA's updated outlook is projecting, with a 70 percent probability, a total of (including Alex, Bonnie and Colin):

- 14 to 20 Named Storms (top winds of 39 mph or higher), including:
- 8 to 12 Hurricanes (top winds of 74 mph or higher), of which:
- 4 to 6 could be Major Hurricanes (Category 3, 4 or 5; winds of at least 111 mph)

Read the full story [here](#).



Flood Map Update

This is an update of the Map Modernization process in Rhode Island by county.

Map Modernization

- Bristol County— Effective November 16, 2006
- Providence County— Effective March 2, 2009
- Newport County— Effective April 5, 2010
- **Washington County—Effective October 19, 2010**
- **Kent County—Effective December 3, 2010**

RiskMAP—New Coastal Flood Risk Analyses

- **Newport County**

Expected Preliminary map Issuance— September 2010*

Expected Map Effective Date— October-November 2011*

- **Washington County**

Expected Preliminary map Issuance— September 2010*

Expected Map Effective Date— October-November 2011*

Providence County

Expected Map Effective Date— April-May 2011*

*Dates Subject to Change



Rhode Island Flood Mitigation Association

An association of professionals involved in floodplain management & flood hazard mitigation



Member ASFP

Mark your calendars for some interesting workshops and
Certified Floodplain Manager (CFM) refresher course and exam:

Twilight Seminar Series – both workshops will be held at the Aspray Boat House, 2 East View Avenue, Warwick, RI
COST: \$25 for RIFMA Members, \$35 for non-members. CFM credits are available.

September 23rd – The Great Flood of 2010: High Water Marks, Gardiner Bent, USGS

November 16th - TBD

CFM Refresher Course and Exam

October 26th - CFM Refresher Course

October 27th - CFM Exam, East Providence City Hall

CFM Program Gaining New RI Members - The 2010 RIFMA Conference provided the opportunity for floodplain management oriented professionals to take a CFM/NFIP Refresher course, followed by the CFM exam two days later. That testing resulted in 6 professionals becoming CFM certified by the Association of State Floodplain Managers (ASFP). Congratulations to Emily Pysh, Jay Parker, Rebecca Haney, Valdete Celaj, John Dromsky-Reed and Petr Masopust on becoming the newest CFM's!

Contact Wayne Barnes at 401-435-7537 for more information.

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